"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

When it was all over in 1970 we had about the same amount of rainfall as a year earlier. We can grow satisfactory crops with about 34 inches of rain. There were some freaks in the 1970 weather pattern.

There were two months (June and September) with less than an inch of rain. There were two dry runs, Between May 18 and July 10 (53 days) we had only 1.35 inches of rain. The largest amount on any day was .45 inches.

Between August 12 and October 22 (71 days) only 2.48 inches of rain was recorded. Put these two periods together and we had 124 days with just 3.83 inches of rain. But you may remember a year ago we had a continuous 109 day period with only 3.54 inches.

1970 was a warmer year than its predecessor. There were 21 days with the temperature 90 or above. The hottest day was July 4 with a 98 degree reading. In 1969 there were 18 days with 90 degree readings.

There were 2 fewer days in 1970 with 32 or lower readings. The low of 1 degree above zero occured on Jan. 9 and 22.

From one point of view we were much like a deep - south state. We had 222 growing days. This was caused by the late killing frost that occured on Nov. 17.

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1970 was affected by factors other than the weather. Hog prices just fell apart and as we enter the new year there's not much encouragement.

Virginia farmers indicate that they will farrow 10% more sows this spring than a year ago.

On Dec. 1 our hog inventory was 32% greater than a year earlier.

Hog cholera was diagnosed in the county and for 45 days a third of the county was quarantined.

For the first time growers were faced with a major corn disease. The damage was very light because the crop was hit late in the season.

Farmers are facing an unknown in '71 with limited amounts of resistant seed. The alternatives are additional plantings of small grain, switch to soybeans or grain sorghum, get the best corn seed that can be bought, plant it early and hope Southern Leaf Blight doesn't occur.

The possible switch to grain sorghum brings other problems particularly if it's used for grain. It must be dried. Because of the grain size, tight bins are required. Before feeding it must be ground.

Dark tobacco acreage dropped again and prices have done likewise.

Feeder cattle prices were up slightly over a year earlier.

Forest products continue to hold their own - prices were steady to up slightly. Forestry is an area that is creating a lot of concern.

Actually we are mining our timberlands — cutting faster than it's growing. There's a general apathy by most landowners concerning their timberland. Thousands of acres of second and third growth hardwood needs to be cut and reestablished to pine. Taxes continue to be paid on countless acres that are not returning the cost of taxes.

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PRECIPITATON:

Last week	1.39
Month of Dec.	1.73
Normal for Mo. of Dec.	3.10
This Month	1.39
This Year	1.39

Plan Reunions For Campers

The Lynchburg YMCA announces that it will hold two reunions in January for anyone who has ever attended Camp Rochichi either as a camper or counselor. The camp, which has been in existence since 1937, and was formely known as Camp Bibee, is located on Buggs Island Lake a few miles east of Clarksville, Va.

Although campers have come from all parts of the country, the majority come from central and south-side Virginia. The reunions are being held to give the camp community the opportunity to see each other again and to talk over old times.

The first reunion will be held in Lynchburg, Va., on January 16th at The Homestead and the second will be held at Ernie's Restaurant in South Boston, Va. on Jan. 17, 1971. Entertainment will be provided at both reunions by "The Purple Shaft".

Anyone who is interested in the camp is invited to attend one of the runions. Reservations must be made with the Lynchburg office of the YMCA by January 15, 1971.

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DEATHS

B. E. MANN

Boozee Edward Mann, 62, died Saturday morning at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Born in Campbell County, he was a son of Walter V. Mann and Mrs. Lizzie Hendricks Mann. An employe of Norfolk & Western Railway, he was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Maxwell Mann; two sons, James V. Mann of Lynchburg and Elmo W. Mann of Spout Spring; a daughter, Mrs. James Fred Elder of Spout Spring; a stepson, John T. Goin of Concord; a stepdaughter, Mrs Robert Almond of Appomattox; three sisters, Mrs. Lucy Sharp of Appomattox, Mrs. Coy Wooten of Lynchburg and Mrs. Mamie Capelonogo of New York City; his stepmother, Mrs. Walter V. Mann of Appomattox, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday from Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Thomas Lea with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

MRS. HARRY E. WADE

Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie Davis Wade, 83, of Monroe, were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday at Whitten Funeral Home by Rev. Bruce L. Rockwell and Maynard Cash. Burial took place in Ford Hill Memorial Park.

The wife of Harry E. Wade, she died at Medical Care Center after a long illness.

Born in Albemarle County, she was the daughter of Octavious Ely and Fannie Patterson Davis. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Monroe and attended Faith Baptist Church. Her first husband was the late Henry E. Lamm.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Wallace B. Lamm of Clifford and Percy E. Lamm of Madison Heights; two sisters, Mrs. Ira Davis and Mrs. J. E. Mooney, both of Charlottesville; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wade was the grandmother of Mrs. M. J. House, Jr., of Appomattox.

MRS. MADISON SAUNDERS

Mrs. Pearl Jackson Saunders, 67, died Saturday night in Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospital. She was the wife of Madison Saunders.

Born in Prince Edward County she was a daughter of John Jackson and Mrs. Hattie Watkins Jackson. She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Elliott Saunders of Hopewell, Madison Saunders Jr. of Appomattox, and Freddie Saunders of Staunton; two daughters Mrs Illienoise Morgan and Hazel Ferguson, both of New York City; a brother, Romless Jackson of Philadelphia; a half brother, Thadues Ford of New York City; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday from Bethlehem Baptist Church by the Rev. F. L. Mason, with burial following in the Saunders family cemetery. Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jr. FFA officers study their performance on the TV monitor after they conducted their FFA meeting. Pictured from left to right front row: Steven Lamb, Tommy Wheeler, Warren Coleman, Hal Smith, David Marshall, (second row) Ricky Wingfield, Lacy Webb, Garry Goin, Doug Belter, and Mike Ramsey.

FFA On TV

The December meeting of the Jr. FFA Chapter was held Thursday, Dec. 17, 1970 with approximately 100 members and two guests present.

After the conclusion of the opening ceremonies, progress reports on the Jr. FFA Sweetheart Dance were given by chairman Ricky Wingfield and the progress report on the Father-Son Banquet was given by chairman Doug Belter.

We were honored to have for our guest speaker State FFA Vice-President, Reese McCormick.

A film on Marksmanship Shooting was shown and afterwards the meeting was adjourned by President Hal Smith.

Ricky Wingfield, Reporter

New Virginia 'Traveler'

Marshall E. Murdaugh, 30, formerly public relations representative of Reynolds Metals Company, has joined the Virginia Department of Conservation and Development as administrative assistant, preparatory to becoming Commissioner of the Virginia State Travel Service, a division of the department, on April 1, 1971, when J. Stuart White of Ivor, Va., White, 65, has served the department for 22 years, as head of the Travel Service for the past 11 years. Murdaugh, a native of Richmond and a graduate of Richmond Professional Institute, was Henrico County public information officer, promotion director for a professional summer theater, and active in both commercial and educational TV prior to employment by Reynolds Metals in 1969.

A group of archaeologists discovered the name of Jesus carved before 70 A.D. among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem road.

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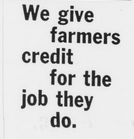

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Public Reminded Of Farm Machinery Class

The general public is reminded of the Farm Machinery class being conducted at the Appomattox Intermediate School each Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Members of the class will be given an opportunity to build and repair any farm or household equipment or appliance they have. Each member enrolled is required to pay a small fee of one dollar to help purchase consumable materials.

A large crowd attended services at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor deliver ed a challenging message for the New Year. Special music was rendered by the Senior and Junior Choirs. Several visitors attended the service.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching service at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this second Sunday morning at 11 a. m.

All members of the Appomattox Assembly are asked to attend the next regular meeting on Wednesday evening, January 13, at 7:30. All community leakers are asked to be present. Business of importance will be presented.

Local ministers of Appomattox are reminded that the special meeting that was set for Monday, January 10, at 3 p.m. has been changed to the third Sunday, January 17, at 3 p.m. The date had to be changed on account of another meeting that had been planned ahead of this meeting. We take this opportunity to ask all local ministers to accept this notice as an official invitation to come out on the third Sunday in January at 3 p. m. The meeting will be h the local Rescue Squad Bui

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Announce Marriage

The marriage of Miss Mary Louise Chenault to James Edward Bailey took place Saturday evening, December 1, 1970, at 8:00 p.m. at the Appomattox Presbyterian Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. S. E. Chenault and the late Mr. Chenault and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bailey of Route 1, Nentix.

The Rev. Millard Stimpson, pastor of the Church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a street length dress of white brocade with empire waistline, wrist-length sleeves and a high mandarin collar beaded with pearls and sequins.

She carried a Colonial bouquet of white carnations, intertwined with ivy.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will live in Phenix, Va.

Kathy, Tammy and Cindy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Martin and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yeatts, Cynthia and Gary and Mrs. Geraldine Moore and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drumheller and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin. Mr. H. O. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited in the afternoon.

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Social Notes

Johnny Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford ('Doc') Harris, is now at Fort Polk, La. where he has begun eight weeks basic training.

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Mrs. David Barker of Lynchburg and Mrs. Josephine Carwile of Woodstock, visited their sister, Mrs. David L. Foldesi, who underwent surgery in Richmond Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Carwile spent the remaining holiday season with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Reid.

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Visiting from Mannheim, Germany is SP/6 Eugene M. Wright, the son-in-law of Mrs. G. Holmes of 400 Ferguson St., Appomattox.

Gene is in the U. S. Army and will return to Germany within a week taking with him his son, Gamie, who has resided with Mrs. Holmes.

Mrs. Holmes will be saddened by the departure of little Gamie, but only joy and gladness will be felt by her daughter, Antoinette and mother of Jamie, (who remained in Germany) when husband and dearly missed son are home again.

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"Love understands love; it needs no talk."

Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Justus, Mrs. Fannie Gunter and Misses Shirley Gowin and Brenda Gunter were Monday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Huddleston and son, Bryan, of Richmond.

Recent visitors in the Paul M. Gunter home included R. R. Bondurant, John T. Bondurant, of Salem, E. L. Carter, Richmond, Mr. Stanley Johnson, Mrs. Lucille Reynolds and son, Buster, of Lynchburg, Mr. Wiley Martin and son Jeff, of Farmville, Mr. Paul Smith, Miss Patricia Scruggs, Mr. Stevie Scruggs, Master Ronnie Scruggs, all of Gainwy, Mrs. J. W. Scruggs, Jr. of Richmond, Mr. Hubbard L. Amos of Arlington and Miss Annie L. Mayberry, Lynchburg.

Get well wishes go out to Mrs. Ethel Bryant, Robert L. Ragland, Mr. Everett Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rush.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Gunter were Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bryant and Sandra of Appomattox, Mrs. Jean Huddleston and Bryan and Miss Shirley Gowin of Richmond, Mrs. Virginia Gunter and children of Farmville, Miss Janice E. Gunter returned home from spending the week with her grandparents,

Rev. and Mrs. Zeke Crawford and children of Horse Shoe, N. C, spent several days of the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William (Buck) Agee and family, of Dillwyn, They also visited several friends in the Appingham vicinity.

Celebrates Birthday

Carolyn Lynette Carnefix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel D. Carnefix, celebrated her fourth birthday Friday, January 1, with a party at her home. She and her young guests played games, enjoyed cake, ice cream and lemonade and received party favors. The honoree' was given many lovely and useful gifts. Those attending included Rusty Millner, Phillip and Eddie Agee, Cheryl and Jeff Davis, Connie Clifton, David Caldwell, Steve and Richard Conner.

Carolyn Lynette Carnefix blows out the candles with Connie Clifton, Rusty Millner, Cheryl Davis looking on.

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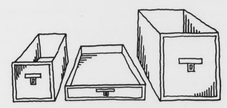

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50th Anniversary
January 10

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Marsh will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Jan. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Red Oak Baptist Church.

No invitations are being issued, but friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

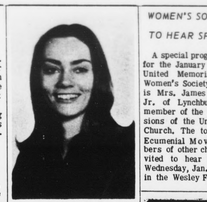
PAYNES VISIT IN ALEXANDRIA

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Payne, owners and managers of the Parkway Motel, spent Christmas with their sons in the Alexandria area.

They visited Willie Ray Payne and family, also Charles J. Payne, Jr. and family and Lowell Payne and family. Like so many other families at holiday time, there was plenty of good food and the Paynes enjoyed a good time with their grandchildren. In addition, Alexandria had a Christmas snow. All of the children and grandchildren were supposed to come to Appomattox for the New Year's holiday but deep snows prevented this. For them and for other families, hopefully, there will be many other holidays to enjoy in "get - togethers."

CHITLINGS DINNER

Mrs. Paulene Oxford and Charles Seay entertained Sunday afternoon with a chitlings dinner in the home of the Chitlingseters of the Seay family. Those present were Mrs. Oxford, Charles and Bessie Seay, Alice Seay, Mrs. Frances Ferguson, Mrs. Katie Doss, Ruddell Seay, Jim Seay, Bobby Seay and Kenneth Seay. Everybody had a chitlings eating good time.



Miss Janet Moses

On Dean's List

Miss Janet Moses, a senior at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, N. C., has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 1970-71 school year.

Miss Moses is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas Moses of Appomattox.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY TO HEAR SPEAKER

A special program is planned for the January meeting of the United Memorial Methodist Women's Society. The speaker is Mrs. James W. Wiltshire, Jr. of Lynchburg, who is a member of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. The topic will be on Ecumenial Movement. Members of other churches are invited to hear Mrs. Wiltshire Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wesley Fellowship Hall.

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